

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 146

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A RESOLUTION to honor the University of Tennessee Institute for Public Service for its fifty years of service to the State's cities, counties, and businesses.

WHEREAS, fifty years ago, University of Tennessee (UT) President Dr. Edward Boling recommended formation of the Institute for Public Service to "achieve effective statewide delivery of the University's full resources, expertise, and competencies to the business and governmental sectors of our state and to ensure constant statewide promotion and encouragement of research and service within the University system"; and

WHEREAS, following the recommendation of Dr. Boling, the UT Board of Trustees approved formation of the Institute in August 1971; and

WHEREAS, the Institute continues to serve as the University's source of outreach to the public-service sector; and

WHEREAS, for fifty years, the Institute has greatly impacted the State through its six agencies, the County Technical Assistance Service, the Center for Industrial Services, the Law Enforcement Innovation Center, the Municipal Technical Advisory Service, the Naifeh Center for Effective Leadership, and the Tennessee Language Center; and

WHEREAS, with funding support from the State of Tennessee, the State's cities and counties, and federal sponsors, the Institute answers on average 35,000 requests for assistance each year; and

WHEREAS, through the Institute's assistance to businesses and local governments, its customers report an average of \$1.2 billion in economic impact each year; and

WHEREAS, the Institute's Center for Industrial Services continues to help the State's businesses create and retain 14,000 jobs annually; and

WHEREAS, the Institute's six agencies train 30,000 municipal, county, and State employees, law enforcement personnel, and manufacturers each year; and

WHEREAS, the institute has eleven offices and 170 employees across Tennessee, and its consultants and trainers travel from Memphis to Mountain City to serve the needs of their customers; and

WHEREAS, the Institute has stayed true to its mission to serve business and government to improve the lives of Tennesseans since 1971; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the University of Tennessee's Institute for Public Service and extend to its employees our gratitude and our best wishes for serving Tennessee's cities, counties, and businesses for another fifty years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.